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CHIEF
Craig Harper

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Rosanna Dobbs

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
April 2, 2024**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Harper called the meeting to order, and Jenny Rampey gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Jenny Rampey declared a quorum with all members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jason Dollarhide made a motion and Scott Myers seconded to approve the agenda with moving line-item L. Discussion/Approval of BIA Review to executive session. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rosanna Dobbs made a motion and was seconded by Kara North to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on March 5, 2024. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Financial Reports

Jenny Rampey made a motion and was seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve the Financial Reports for February 2024 as presented. Motion passed.

Enterprise Reports

Chief Harper introduced Mary Jewett, General Manager of Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. Ms. Jewett introduced herself and thanked the council for having her.

Ms. Jewett began her report, which included February Highlights:

Slot Financials

- **Slot Win** showed a *decrease* of 8.74% (\$191,505) from February 2023 to February 2024.
- **YTD** showed a *decrease* of 9.28% (\$2,408,171).

Hotel Financials

- **Hotel Occupancy** reflected a *decrease* of 15.97% (215) from February 2023 to February 2024. YTD reflects a *decrease* of 5.84% (907) in occupancy.
- **Hotel Net Income** reflected a *decrease loss* of 74.92% (\$28,884) from February 2023 to February 2024. YTD reflects an *increased loss* of 754.97% (\$143,156).

Ms. Jewett stated that upgrades were made which contributed to the difference in financials.

- Hot water heater.
- HVAC.
- Septic pump.

Golf Financials

- **Golf Revenue** reflected an *increase loss* of 53.90% (\$20,306) from February 2023 to February 2024. YTD reflected an *increase loss* of 23.84% (\$156,356).

Food and Beverage

- **Bistro** comparing February FY2023 to FY2024 showed an *increase* of 4.60% (\$3,691).
- **Backwoods** showed an *increase* of 1.63% (\$723).
- **Coal Creek** showed a *decrease* of 1.08% (\$1,629).
- **Main Bar** showed a *decrease* of 1.61% (\$24,255).
- **Backwoods Bar** showed a *decrease* of 4.55% (\$307).
- **Total F&B Sales** showed a *decrease* of 6.74% (\$21,777).

2024 Casino Distribution

- **Casino Distribution** showed a *decrease* of 53.68% (\$276,045) from February 2023 to February 2024 and an overall *decrease* of 21.77% (\$1,097,012) YTD.

Ms. Jewett continued her report with updates on the Golf Course, The Bristo, Sweet Bar, and RV Park.

- **Golf Course:**
 - New firepits.
 - Junior golf events.
 - Monthly newsletter:
 - Sent out to 234 members.
- **Buffalo Run Top Golf:**
 - Custom cabinets and tables for the TopGolf bays.
- **The Bristo:**
 - The signage now matches Coldcreek.
- **Sweet Bar:**
 - Coming at the end of April.
- **RV Park:**
 - Located behind the Amphitheater.
 - Will have thirty-eight spots with 30 and 50 amps, and wi-fi.
 - Clubhouse, grills, picnic tables, park for kids and a dog park, and showers.
 - Laundry service.

- Walking trails.
- Golf cart rentals.
- Pool.

Ms. Jewett thanked the Committee and asked if there were any questions.

Chief Harper introduced Director of Construction Darin Abernathy. Mr. Abernathy began his report with all the upgrades that had been made.

- Ken's Warehouse:
 - New roof.
 - Installed new security system.
- Buffalo Run Casino & Resort:
 - Crafted and installed cabinets for the drink dispensers.
 - Designed and installed cabinets and tables for Topgolf bays.
 - Installed vanities for green rooms at the Peoria Showplace.
 - Creation of the Showplace Grand entrance.
- Community Center:
 - Removal of previous kitchen area to accommodate the new hood.
- BIA:
 - Installed new roof.

Mr. Abernathy concluded his reports with information on the next projects scheduled for this year:

- Greenhouse.
- HHS building.
- Rockdale school.

Mr. Abernathy thanked the Committee and asked if there were any questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Chief Harper began his Administrative Report for March. The report included the following highlights:

- General Council Meeting and Annual Election.
- Attended Hog Fry & Stomp dance, hosted by Cultural Preservation.
- Employee Appreciation Bowling Event.
- Peoria Tribe Appreciation Day at the Ball Park, hosted by NEO A&M College.

- Attended the Peoria Housing Board Meeting.
- Attending ITC Board Meetings.
- MAEDS Meeting.
- Meeting regularly with the Director's.
- Continued to hold Interviews for several open positions.
- Continues to develop objectives and goals for the Food Distribution Center.
- Visit from the Curator of Paris Museum.
- FAM Luncheon at Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval of the Employee Handbook Revisions (Second Chief Rosanna Dobbs): Second Chief Rosanna Dobbs would like to remove the discussion/approval of the Employee Handbook Revisions from unfinished business moving forward. The Business Committee agreed no action should be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 03/21/24 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 04/02/24 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion to approve the recommendations was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North. Motion passed.

Resolution R-04-02-24-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll": Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Scott Myers to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-A as presented. Motion passed.

R-04-02-24-B "Authorization for Signatures on Accounts at Grand Savings Bank: Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-B as presented. Motion Passed.

R-04-02-24-C “Authorization for Signatures on Arvest Wealth Management Account: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-C as presented. Motion Passed.

R-04-02-24-D “Authorization for Signatures on James Stockton Financials: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Rosanna Dobbs to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-D as presented. Motion Passed.

R-04-02-24-E “Authorization for Signatures on IBC Investment Services/LPL Financial LLC: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Scott Myers to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-E as presented. Motion Passed.

R-04-02-24-F “Resolution Approving and Establishing the Public Live-Streaming of all Business Committee Meetings of the Peoria Tribe of Indians” (First Councilman Nichoals Hargrove: Business Committee discussed the pros and cons of the resolution:

- Pros:
 - Beneficial for citizens who live out of town.
 - No contract.
 - Recorded and only given to Tribal members.
- Cons:
 - Would not own content.
 - Financials would be out for public viewing.
 - Will be start-up costs.
 - Buffalo Run does not have equipment or workforce.
 - Resolution requires 30 days to get set up.

The Business Committee agreed no motion could be made at this time and more information needs to be provided.

R-04-02-24-G “Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs: Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-G as presented. Motion Passed.

R-04-02-24-H “Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-H as presented. Motion Passed.

R-04-02-24-I “Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Office of Family Violence Prevention (OFVPS): Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Scott Myers to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-I as presented. Motion Passed.

Appointment to the Peoria Tribe Tax Commission (Treasurer Jason Dollarhide): No motion taken.

Discussion/Approval of BIA Review: Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by

Scott Myers to approve moving discussion/approval of BIA review into executive session. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Donations/Sponsorship requests: Members discussed and agreed on no action to be taken on the following:

- Miami Public Schools Enrichment (Foundation Blue Event).
- Michael Roberson (Ottawa County DAV. Chapter 50 Veterans Appreciation)
- Emma Schlouis (BA Special Olympics)
- Niyo Pearson (American Indian Student Association)
- Welch High School-BPA (BPA-Business Professionals of America Trapper Johnson, Student)
- Edward Gallo (Indian Gaming Trade Show & Indian Gaming Association)

Secon Chief Rosanna Dobbs will follow up with Amber Schertz (Fairland Elementary). No motion was taken.

Discussion/Approval of Employee Wage Change Recommendations (done in Executive Session): Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Kara North to approve wage changes as recommended by H.R. in Executive Session. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval to rescind R-03-05-24-A “Resolution Authorizing Request of Trust Property ROW (Right-of-Way) on Behalf of Rural Water District Number 5”: Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Kara North to approve rescinding Resolution R-03-05-24-A. Motion passed.

R-04-02-24-J “Resolution Authorizing Request of Trust Property ROW (Right-of-Way) on Behalf of Rural Water District Number 5”: Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Rosanna Dobbs to approve Resolution R-04-02-24-J as presented. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Harper began “Public Comments” by asking if there were any questions so that each Tribal Citizen had the opportunity to address the Business Committee or ask questions.

Citizen Stacy M. Lindsly:

Ms. Lindsly addressed the resolution for live streaming. Ms. Lindsly does not agree with the resolution. Ms. Lindsly’s concerns were that it would be recorded and sent out to the public without authorization, and everything would need to be moved to executive session to prevent private matters to be aired.

Citizen Brandon Stidham:

Mr. Stidham stated that he would like Buffalo Run to consider paper bingo. Mr. Stidham stated that it would generate more revenue.

Citizen Charla EchoHawk:

Ms. EchoHawk gave a shout out to David Murphy and his chef on how great they did for the events Cultural Preservation hosted. Ms. EchoHawk stated how impressed the Paris Curators were with the food.

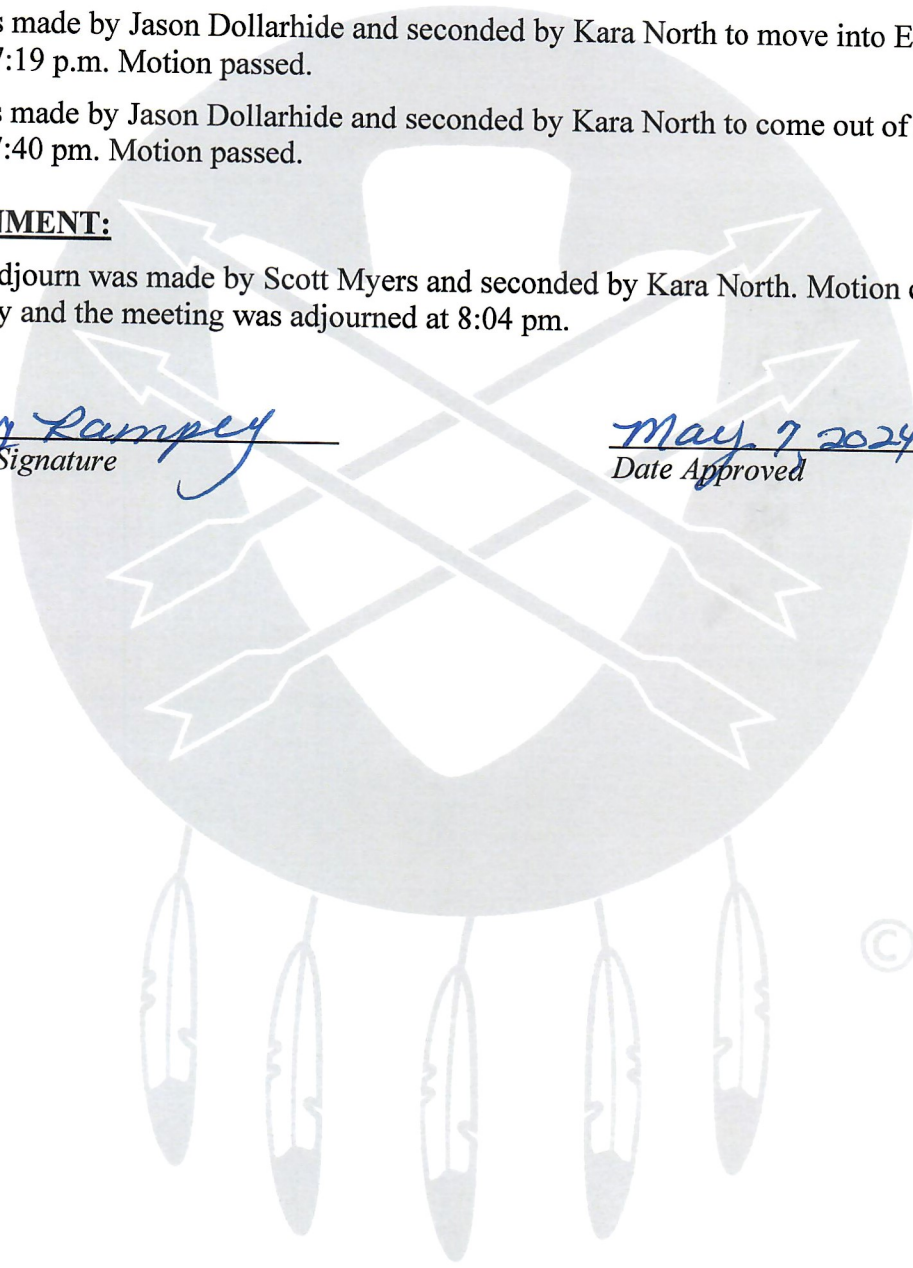
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Kara North to move into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.


Jenny Rampley
Authorized Signature

May 7 2024
Date Approved